

Sisters' S. C. E.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Sisters of the Endeavor:

For a little while again my pen has been silent from force of circumstances. Now however that the peach season is about over, I hope to talk with you often through the paper. The last few weeks have been very busy ones with us, and our books now show shipments of a little more than three thousand three hundred bushels of peaches. During this time we could not do much writing. We however sent out the remittance blanks for October to the societies. Dear Sisters, let us have a prompt response. Last year you did nobly,—can you not do better this year. Let our march be onward and forward. Let there be no retrogression. Let there be no falling out of the ranks. Let there be no diminution of our efforts in behalf of the Theological Chair of Ashland College because just now the College is not open and the Chair not occupied. Let us continue to work and to give, and we will hold the funds in trust until the work is taken up again at the College. A small amount of last year's dues to the Theological Chair is yet unpaid. This could nearly all have been met if all payments due on pledges had been paid. Unless these are yet paid, we shall have to use a part of this Fall's remittances to meet our obligations of last year. We hope all who have not yet responded to notice given of payments due on pledges will yet respond, and thus save us the labor and expense of a second notice. Other pledges have since become due, and the signers will be notified as soon as possible.

We regret that the Conference report contained only about three words relative to the S. S. C. E. Doubtless many of you who did not attend wondered whether we did nothing. We held our business session as usual, and elected the officers and arranged the work for the coming year. The president, secretary and treasurer presented their reports to the General Conference, and with this communication, I will send mine to the EVANGELIST for publication. Sister Myers and Sister Keim will also please send theirs, that all interested may know of the progress of the work. We are not ashamed but proud of the reports. God has blest our work above and beyond our most sanguine expectations. We have asked for greater things than we even dared hope for, and God has blessed us according to our asking, and not according to our expectations. O for more faith! What we might do, if we asked for more, and believed that we should receive it.

We regret that our sales table did not receive as liberal contributions as last year. Some of the Societies did nobly, but many contributed nothing. The aggregate of sales was about \$36 including several donations in cash. Last year it was about \$55.

There will be no Organizer in the field this year, but this need not retard the progress of the work. The K. C. has had no Organizer in the field, yet their Societies have multiplied. So can the S. S. C. E. if we are but willing. It wants willing hearts and willing hands, hearts consecrated to Christ, lives set apart for the Master's use. Are you willing, dear Sisters, to be S. S. C. E. workers, you who have not yet fallen into line. If you have no organization, send to me for a constitution and organize at once. Put your heart into the work, and you will be surprised to find how much you will enjoy it. How I wish you could all have been at the Conference to gather inspiration and catch the mission spirit there. The church is waking more and more to the needs of missions.—Will you not help through the S. S. C. E. to push the work along? If you cannot go to carry the Gospel to some poor benighted people, you can give of your time and labor and money to help support the work that others are willing to do. Some day we shall stand before the King, and as He asks us

"I gave my life for thee,
What hast thou given for me?"

What shall our answer be?

I appeal once more to those Societies that are organized only for the benefit of the home church, that you accept the S. S. C. E. constitution, fall in line with the work, help our cause and share our joys and rewards. Hagerstown, St. James, Conemaugh, Elkart, and others, are you not ready? You may look for greater blessing at home, when your sympathies reach out beyond home.

I am pleased to note the Sister's Program for Indiana State Conference. We hope by next year the Illiokota Conference will also have a session for the S. S. C. E. To prepare this program is the duty of the member of the Executive Committee of the S. S. C. E. for that State or District.

We are glad that a number of papers read at the National Conference by our Sisters have been published. We hope the others will yet send theirs for publication. Sisters Rorer, Furry, and Switzer, where are your papers?—They were excellent and should be given to the Sister's Department of the EVANGELIST. One of the papers, "Plain Living and High Thinking" was read by Mrs. J. R. Frame,

and not by Mrs. N. A. Frame, as given in the EVANGELIST. The papers read at Conference showed the talent some of our sisters possess in that direction. Is there any reason why the Sister's Department should be half starved so much of the time? Are we doing our duty in this direction. I appeal to you dear Sisters, that you will use your talent "for Christ and the Church," through the paper.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR CONFERENCE YEAR
ENDING SEPT. 1, 1896.

Entire time spent in field,	6 mo.
No. of churches visited,	88
No. of collections taken,	76
No. of old societies visited,	53
No. of new societies organized,	24
No. of societies not visited,	11
Total No. of societies,	88
No. disbanded,	1
No. of existing societies,	87
No. of societies according to States:	
Indiana, 22; Ohio, 19; Pennsylvania,	
15; Iowa, 9; Virginia, 7; Illinois, 4;	
Michigan, 4; Nebraska, 3; Maryland, 2;	
Kansas, 1; California, 1.	
Total collections for the year,	\$204.11
Total expenses of travel,	138.46
Excess of collections, above expenses,	65.65
Amount of money paid into S. S. C. E. treasury, from names on bed spread,	\$276.00
Amount on pledges to Theological Chair,	81.00
Amount of excess collections,	65.65
Total paid into Treasury,	\$422.65
Amount drawn out of Treasury as compensation for time and labor,	240.00
Excess,	\$182.65
No. of societies reporting year's work,	62
Aggregate No. of members reported,	1439
" " " meetings,	1071
" Free will offerings,	152.89
" Dues,	339.37
" Earnings,	1608.44
Total,	\$2100.70.

"I want to ask one more question," said little Frank, as he was being put to bed. "Well," acquiesced his tired mamma. "When holes come in stockings, what becomes of the piece of stocking that was there before the hole came?"—*Judge.*